PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

OF THE

Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society

OF THE

Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska

HELD IN ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH,
GRAND ISLAND, NEB., OCTOBER 9-11, 1917.

DIRECTORY, 1917-1918

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Mrs. R. B. Weller, 1906 Binney Street, Omaha.

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Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, 1112 South Eleventh Street, Omaha.

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Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Dakota City.

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DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

Home.
Mrs. F. E. Wood, 2725 Fowler Avenue, Omaha.

Young People's.
Mrs. John C. Hershey, Stella.

Children's.
Mrs. H. O. Wilson, 5608 South Thirty-first Street, Omaha.

Mission Study.
Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, Apartment 6, Stratford Terrace, Omaha.

Thank Offering.
Mrs. C. R. Maxwell, 5016 Underwood Avenue, Omaha.

Literature.
Mrs. J. Matthiesen, Falls City.

Magazine.
Miss Lydia A. Bender, Yutan.

Annuity.
Mrs. R. M. Badger, 1409 E Street, Omaha.

Box Work.
Mrs. R. A. White, Wolbach.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

North Platte Conference.
Mrs. S. H. Yerian, 4220 South Twenty-fifth Street, Omaha; Mrs. A. E. Hecker, Hooper; Mrs. J. S. Eckley, Tekemah.

South Platte Conference.
Mrs. M. E. Bollinger, Nebraska City; Mrs. M. L. Melick, Rising City; Mrs. E. E. Shimonek, Wilber.

PLACE OF NEXT CONVENTION,
Rising City, Oct. 8-10.

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CONVENTION THEME—LOYALTY

Tuesday, October 9, 1917, 3:30 P.M.

The W. H. & F. M. S. of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Nebraska met in its thirty-seventh annual convention, in St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Grand Island, Rev. L. L. Lipe, pastor, with the president Mrs. C. H. Lewis, presiding. After the singing of a hymn, the opening prayer was offered by Mrs. R. M. Badger, and the consecration service was conducted by Mrs. C. E. Sparks. Cordial words of greeting were expressed by Mrs. L. L. Lipe, wife of the pastor of fthe local church, and Mrs. K. de Freese, Hooper, gracefully responded.

After a pleasing solo by Miss Lydia Menck, the roll of societies was called, and the delegates presented their credentials, were introduced to the convention, and received ribbon badges.

Miss Wunderlich, Western Field Secretary, was presented, and responded with fitting words, urging the importance of the work. Mrs. White was also introduced to the convention. After another hymn, the

closing prayer was offered by Rev. Bollman. An informal social hour enabled the delegates to become acquainted, while assignments for entertainment were being made.

QUADRI-CENTENNIAL RALLY

Tuesday, 8:00 P. M.

An organ voluntary and anthem by the choir made an inspiring prelude for this rally. The Vesper Service was conducted by Rev. L. L. Lipe. The forty-sixth Psalm was read by Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, of Omaha, and Mrs. F. E. Wood, of Omaha, offered the convention prayer.

The President, in a few well chosen remarks, announced the theme of the convention, "Loyalty," and introduced Miss Johanna Wunderlich, India Missionary, and Field Secretary, whose lecture was illustrated with stereoptican pictures of life in India.

After a solo, beautifully rendered by Miss Angie Morrow, the offering was received, amounting to $6.54. Announcements were made, including the fact that the convention had met here just ten years previously. An invitation was given by Rev. C. B. Harman, D. D., President of the Synod, for the convention to join the Synod in the Lord's Supper, Thursday morning at nine o'clock. The closing service was conducted by Rev. Lipe, and Dr. Harman pronounced the benediction.

Wednesday, 9:00 A. M.

Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. R. A. White, Wolbach, and the President then formally declared the convention open for business. The Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. B. Weller, of Omaha, being under quarantine, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, Omaha, was ap-

pointed secretary pro tem. Mrs. R. M. Badger, Lincoln, was appointed referee, and Miss Marguerite Childs, Omaha, was appointed page during the convention. The roll was called, and the minutes read and approved.

ROLL OF OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. C. H. Lewis.
Vice-President—Mrs. S. H. Yerian.
Recording Secretary Pro Tem—Mrs. O. D. Baltzly.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet.
Treasurer—Mrs. David M. Neiswanger.

CHAIRMAN OF STANDING COMMITTEE.

Mrs. M. A. Ritzen.

DEPARTMENT SECREAARIES.

Mrs. F. Fredericksen, Mrs. R. M. Badger.

ROLL OF DELEGATES—WOMAN'S DEPARTMENT.

South Auburn—Mrs. M. A. Ritzen.
Beatrice—Mrs. F. Kimmerling.
Benedict—Mrs. C. C. Walker and Mrs. Edith Harbert.
Dakota City—Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger.
Hooper—Mrs. K. de Freese.
Lincoln—Mrs. C. H. Dean.
Omaha, Kountze Memorial—Mrs. James Liddell, Mrs. Mary Sperr.
Omaha, St. Luke's—Mrs. S. H. Yerian.
Omaha, St. Mark's—Mrs. C. H. Puls and Mrs. Evelyn Larsen.
Omaha, Church of the Redeemer—Mrs. F. E. Wood.
Rising City—Mrs. O. A. Wickert and Mrs. M. L. Melick.
Stella—Mrs. J. C. Hershey.
Tekamah—Mrs. J. S. Eckley.
York—Mrs. C. E. Sparks.
Walton—Mrs. Harry Francke and Miss Gertrude Francke.
Oakland—Miss Ada Robertson, Miss Julia Paulson.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.

Emerson—Mrs. C. H. Lewis.
North Platte—Mrs. F. Fredericksen.
Omaha, Kountze Memorial—Young Ladies, Marguerite Childs.
Omaha, Kountze Memorial—Pax Vobiscum, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet.
Omaha, Grace—Wilhelmina Rensch.

LIFE MEMBERS.

Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Mrs. S. H. Yerian, Mrs. Neiswanger, Miss Johanna Wunderlich, Mrs. Badger, Mrs. Baltzly.

VISITORS.

Miss Grace Larson, Mrs. E. Bollman, Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Umland.

The following committees were appointed:

President's Address and Officers' Reports	Mrs. C. H. Dean, Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Miss Gertrude Francke, Miss Grace Larson, Mrs. S. H. Yerian.
Literature and Box Work	Mrs. James Liddell, Mrs. Harry Francke.
Department Secretaries Reports	Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Mrs. C. H. Puls, Miss Marguerite Childs, Mrs. J. S. Eckley.
Conference Committees Reports	Mrs. Fred Fredericksen, Mrs. John Hershey, Miss Julia Paulsen.
Minutes of Last Convention	Mrs. F. Kimmerling, Miss Wilhelmina Rensch.
Letters and Papers	Mrs. M. L. Melick, Mrs. Mary Sperr, Mrs. Edith Harbert.
Resolutions	Mrs. M. A. Ritzen, Mrs. F. E. Wood, Mrs. O. A. Wickert, Mrs. R. A. White.
Claims	Mrs. C. E. Sparks, Mrs. C. C. Walker, Mrs. Evelyn Larson.

Reporters:

Lutheran Woman's Work.....Mrs. R. M. Badger
Lutheran Church Work and Observer....Mrs. S. H. Yerian
Local papers.....Mrs. E. Bollman.

To convey greeting to Nebraska Synod..Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger

The President then gave her annual report and address, as follows:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

Dear Friends and Co-workers:

We meet in the midst of stirring times in our national history. As the young men of our country are being called to the colors they go gladly, many of them giving up pleasure and good positions, and many giving up wealth and comfort that they may serve their country in its present need. The womanhood of our nation is being called upon to make many sacrifices, not only of loved ones but of many of the comforts and ease of life. Yet, because they love their country, they do not count these things as sacrifice, for, in fact, love knows no such word as sacrifice. We do gladly and willingly anything for those we truly love.

Shall the work of the women of the church be any less noble? Shall we not volunteer our time, our service, our means, just as gladly and as readily when our great commander, Jesus Christ, calls us to His service? Truly, present events have for us as Christian workers many important lessons we do well not to miss.

Official Acts.

During the past year your president took the liberty of rearranging the points of the Standard of Efficiency, adopted at the last convention, placing the points under four general heads, for we felt it would be better understood in this way. After this rearrangements, copies of the Standard were mimeographed and sent out to each auxiliary, so that this Efficiency Standard might be hung up before the society at each meeting, that all might become familiar with the requirements.

Three form letters were prepared and sent out to all the societies. Altogether, there were 279 circular and personal letters and 15 postal cards written in the interest of the Missionary Society work of this Synod.

The programs were prepared and sent out to all auxiliaries, as one form of advertising this convention.

We were able to attend both conferences in April, the South Platte Conference meeting at Walton, and the North Platte meeting at Hooper.

During the year we arranged the itinerary of Miss Wunderlich's tour, writing also to each place visited so that all arrangements might be made to make her visit most profitable to the local congregation.

The Field Secretary's Work.

We wish to take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of the work of the Field Secretary for the Western District, Miss Johanna H. Wunderlich. We feel that she has given inspiration and materially strengthened the work where she has appeared. Thus far the congregations of this Synod she has visited are: Allen, Dakota City, Emerson, Ericson, Falls City, Grand Island, Homer, Hooper, Lincoln, Nebraska City, North Platte, Oakland, Omaha—all congregations, Ponca, Potter, Sidney, Tekamah, Walton, Wayne, West Point and Wolbach. Many of the congregations in the South Platte territory are yet to be visited, and we trust these may be arranged for in the near future.

Interesting Facts and Observations.

It will doubtless be a matter of interest to know that it is just ten years since we met with these hospitable people in Grand Island in this church. The convention at that time was held September 10-12, 1907. It is fitting therefore that we review the gains and losses of the past decade.

In 1907 we had 44 congregations in the Synod, in 21 of which where 20 Women's Missionary Societies, one Young People's Society, and five Mission Bands, of which there now remain 12 Women's Societies, and one Mission Band. This year we have 50 active congregations, in 33 of which there are

reported 31 Women's Societies, nine Young People's Societies, and 13 Mission Bands. During the past decade, therefore, we have lost 17 organizations and gained 40.

Three departments have been added during the past decade, namely, Annuity, Magazine and Mission Study.

The annual conferences is an added feature during the last four years. One afternoon is given to the work of the women in both the North and South Platte Conferences held in the spring. We wish to take this opportunity to thank the pastors for this courtesy and for their hearty co-operation.

We are glad to report eight new organizations this year: Women's Societies at Walton, Sidney, Oakland-Grace, and Omaha-Church of the Redeemer, together with one Helper's Circle in the Ladies' Aid Society at Potter, and three Mission Bands at Falls City, Emerson and Hooper.

We feel that the work of the Mission Bands needs special emphasis. It seems that about the only trouble in getting a Mission Band started is the lack of leaders. This is one of the most serious problems. One or two have solved it by incorporating this branch of the work into the Junior Department of the Sunday School, not during the Sunday School hour but outside the Sunday period. Young People's work and Mission Study are also very important parts of our work, and more interest should be taken in them. The education and training of our young people and children is the foundation work for our future growth and progress.

We are glad to note that the General Convention approved the recommendation that boxes sent by Missionary Societies to Inner-Mission institutions be credited in home Box Work.

The Anniversary Goals.

It is our wish to emphasize the goals set forth by the General Society for the Anniversary Biennium, namely—(a) $150,000 for regular work, (b) $40,000 for the Fortieth Anniversary Fund, (c) 25,000 subscribers for Lutheran Woman's Work, (d) Lutheran Boys Girls in every Sunday School, and (e) a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in every church.

If, as a Synodical Society, we are to do our share in the attainment of these goals, it will mean more earnest and definite effort to meet the financial obligation of 10 cents per month per member, the installation of an Anniversary Chest in each auxiliary, and a persistent and determined campaign for at least 100 new subscribers to Lutheran Woman's Work and the introduction of "Lutheran Boys and Girls" into all Sunday Schools not now using them. In this connection we might say that 29 Sunday Schools are distributing 894 copies of Lutheran Boys and Girls, which is a good start; but, inasmuch as the cost of publishing this little paper exceeds the receipts, and the deficit must be taken from the General Fund, it is to our interest to increase the subscriptions and thereby help to put this splendid paper on a self-supporting basis. No local auxiliary has done its full duty until it has agitated the question so thoroughly that Lutheran Boys and Girls will be in every Sunday School this year.

Recommendations.

We wish to make the following recommendations for your consideration:

1. That the Standard of Efficiency be presented at every monthly meeting, as a part of the regular program, and an effort made to attain all the points this year.
2. That the first point of the Standard of Efficiency read: Ten per cent gain in membership instead of "one new member."
3. That in attaining this 10 per cent increase, credit be given to any auxiliary that is responsible for the organization of any other auxiliary in the local congregation.
4. That the Department Secretaries be made Advisory Members of the Executive Committee.
5. That the Officers and Department Secretaries be more faithful in sending their quartely reports to the President.
6. That the Anniversary Chest seals be used freely on all correspondence during this year.
7. That each auxiliary make a special effort to observe the Quadri-Centinnial celebration in the local congregation, either in co-operation with plans already made in the local congregation, or, where plans are not made, making a special missionary celebration of the Quadri-Centennial.
8. That we set as our goal for this year the securing of 150 subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work, and 500 more copies of Lutheran Boys and Girls to be distributed in our Sunday Schools.

We wish to express to those who have so fully co-operated with us during the year our sincere thanks for their loyal helpfulness. We pray earnestly that this convention may bring to us larger visions of service for the coming year. Praying that our Heavenly Father may guide and direct our every effort in the future, I return to you the trust committed to me one year ago, trusting that our Heavenly Father in His wisdom may overrule any mistakes so that in the end His will may be accomplished here on earth.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. C. H. LEWIS,
President.

The Corresponding Secretary, before reading her report, asked whether she should read it item by item. Moved by Mrs. Yerian that only grand totals be read, since we have the wall chart for constant reference. Carried. The Corresponding Secretary then gave her report.

The question being raised as to where life members are to be counted, the ruling of the general society was given that life members are counted in the society where they are made life members.

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					WOMEN'S SOCIETIES.													
1	Allen	1913	1,2,3,4	Mrs. G. W. Livers	Mrs. E. H. Allen	14	14	..	..	..	1	..	Last Tuesday	12	10	25	$23.35	..
2	Auburn, South	1916	1,2, 4	Mrs. M. A. Ritzen	Mrs. Fred Schriefer	9	6	1	2	..	..	..	Last Friday	11	8	..	..	..
3	Beatrice	1892	1,2,3,4	Mrs. A. M. Reitzel	Mrs. T. H. Kimmerling	71	16	9	46	12	..	..	2d Friday	12	20	..	..	..
4	Benedict	1916	1,2, 4	Mrs. Mary Buelow	Miss Minnie Blender	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	1st Tuesday	14	15	1	..	..
5	Benson	1915	1,2,3,4	Mrs. C. B. Kornmesser	Mrs. J. M. Lauritzen, 2429 No. 59th St.	16	11	..	5	..	..	..	3d Thursday	12	2	..	14.00	..
6	Bruning	1915	2,3,4	Mrs. Harvey Keim	Mrs. Emma Park	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	3d Thursday	12	8	..	..	..
7	Dakota City	1891	1,2,3,4	Mrs. Geo. Neibuhr	Mrs. Ada Sherman	10	8	2	..	..	1	3	1st Thursday	14	4	25	..	..
8	Davenport	..	4	..	Miss Lenora Bohner	4	4	..	..	..	..	5	..	..	35	..	..	..
9	Falls City	1917	1,2,3,4	Mrs. Frank Zorn	Mrs. Anna Buthman, 2422 Stone	11	11	..	..	..	..	..	1st Thursday	12	11	36	..	1
10	Hardy	1913	1,2, 4	Mrs. James Hale	Miss Ada Henderson	13	10	..	3	..	..	..	2d Friday	12	8	..	..	..
11	Hooper	1915	1,2,3,4	Mrs. J. Sanders	Mrs. A. E. Hecker	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	1st Thursday	12	6	20	..	..
12	Lincoln	1890	1,2,3,4	Mrs. J. H. Humpe	Mrs. C. Prestegaard, 1944 Harwood Av.	21	19	2	..	..	1	..	1st Wednesday	12	17	60	..	..
13	North Platte	1904	1,2,3,4	Mrs. E. S. Hogg	Mrs. C. B. Harman, 311 W. 5th St.	17	12	..	5	..	..	..	1st Thursday	9	6	6	..	..
14	Oakland	1916	2,3,4	Mrs. Karl J. Granander	Miss Julia Paulsen	16	15	1	..	9	5	..	Last Friday	12	33	..	..	..
15	Omaha, Kountz Memorial	1906	1,2,3,4	Mrs. Allen Koch	Mrs. Geo. Johnson, 3310 Dewey Ave.	72	71	1	..	12	16	4	1st Friday	12	81	..	..	..
16	Omaha, Ludden Memorial	1910	2,3,4	Mrs. Laura B. Snyder	Mrs. Sylvia S. Sarto, 1706 Deer Pk. Blvd.	8	7	1	..	..	1	..	2d Thursday	9	1	50	..	..
17	Omaha, St. Luke's	1913	1,2,3,4	Mrs. R. F. Bowers	Mrs. Lillie Vance, 4813 So. 22nd St. S. S.	16	15	1	..	..	1	..	3d Wednesday	10	20	..	..	..
18	Omaha, St. Mark's	1916	1,2,3,4	Mrs. R. B. Weller	Mrs. J. L. Beisel, 1814 Pinkney St.	31	29	2	..	..	1	..	1st Thursday	12	20	..	..	..
19	Omaha, Ch. of Our Redeemer	1916	2,3,4	Mrs. F. E. Woods	Mrs. R. A. Fry, 3748 No. 40th St.	23	22	1	..	..	..	..	2d Thursday	10	12	20	..	..
20	Ponca	1880	1,2,3,4	Mrs. Eli Campbell	Mrs. W. H. Sears	30	30	..	..	..	..	..	1st Friday	12	14	..	..	..
21	Rising City	1904	1,2,3,4	Mrs. M. L. Melick	Mrs. P. C. Hiliegras	37	33	4	..	..	1	..	1st Wednesday	12	25	30	..	..
22	Stella	1912	1, 3,4	Mrs. C. H. Beattie	Miss Maude Montgomery Humboldt	6	6	..	..	..	1	1	2d Thursday	9	5	..	..	1
23	Tekamah	1880	2,3,4	Mrs. M. D. Willert	Mrs. G. E. Hickman, Box 166	11	11	..	..	..	..	..	Saturday	9	5	20	..	..
24	Walton	1916	2,3,4	Mrs. E. Bollman	Mrs. Harry Francke	12	11	1	..	..	..	..	1st Wednesday	7	6	..	..	..
25	Wayne	1915	1,2,3,4	Miss Addie Stambaugh	Mrs. J. H. Fetterolf	17	17	..	..	..	..	..	1st Wednesday	8	9	..	..	..
26	West Point	1904	1,2,3,4	Mrs. A. L. Krause	Mrs. Ella J. De Bell	15	15	..	..	..	1	..	1st Wednesday	16	20	..	..	..
27	Wilber	1916	1,2,3,4	Mrs. E. E. Shimonek	Mrs. E. H. Houser	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	3d Thursday	11	7	..	..	..
28	York	1916	1,2,3,	Mrs. C. E. Sparks	Mrs. Geo. Werner, R. F. D. No. 2	10	9	1	..	..	..	..	3d Thursday	16	15	15	..	..
29	Yutan Synodical	..	..	..	Miss Lydia Bender	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Totals	..	..	..	..	531	443	27	61	34	38	5	..	..	423	308	$37.25	2

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YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.																		
1	Beatrice	1889	2.	Miss Amanda Jensen	Miss Mathilda Kassing	28	20	8					Sunday evening	11				
2	Beatrice C. E.	1912	2,3,4	Mr. Paul E. Mumford	Miss Helen A. Stroh, 909 High St.	22	14	8					Every Sunday night	32				
3	Bruning	1916	1,	Miss Lela Mitchell	Miss Madge Miller	12	12						Once a month	3				
4	Emerson	1915	1,2, 4	Mr. Fred Schopke	Mrs. C. H. Lewis	20	20						Last Sunday	7				
5	North Platte	1911	1,2,3,4	Mrs. Fred Fredrickson	Miss Francis Halligan, 304 W. 2nd St.	11	10	1			1		3d Sunday	12			23.00	
6	Omaha, Grace	1915	1,2,3,4	Miss Wilhelmina Rensch	Miss Mildred Shields, 2519 Poppleton	21	12	9				1	2d Sunday & 4th Sat.	24		150		2
7	Omaha, Kountz Memorial	1912	1,2,3,4	Miss Lillian Over	Miss Maude Watson, 812 So. 25th Ave.	37	31	6					Last Friday	12	5			
8	Omaha, Pax Vobiscum	1907	1,2,3,4	Miss Botilla Andersen	Miss Alma Houser, 3161 Fowler Ave.	27	22	5					Monday every 2 wks.	26	27			
9	Omaha, St. Luke's	1914	1,2,3,4	Miss Josephine Grimm	Miss Ruth Anderson, R. No. 5, Box 108	15	15				1		1st Tuesday	12	5			
10	West Point		2, 4	Miss Viola Spillner	Miss Amy Brazda	24	24						Every Sunday eve.	10	2			
	Totals					217	180	37			2	1			29	150	$23.00	2
MISSION BANDS.																		
1	Allen	1914	1,2,3,4	Miss Reba Buckley	Miss Leona Brownell	50	8		42				1st Saturday	10	14	36		
2	Bruning	1916	1,	Mrs. W. E. Nippert	Mrs. Erwin Park	10	10						1st Sunday	6				
3	Emerson	1917	2, 4	Miss Esther Bonderson	Mrs. C. H. Lewis	14	14						Last Saturday	9		14		
4	Falls City	1917	2, 4	Mrs. J. A. Matthiesen	Mrs. Anna Buthman	37	34	3					1st Saturday	9	9	36		
5	Lincoln, Grace Jr.	1915	2,	Miss Laura Bjorkman	Miss Esther Petring, 1925 So. 24th St.	15	15						Once a month	6		60		
6	North Platte	1910	1,2,3,4	Miss Vera Bretemitz	Miss Magdalena Rudat	23	23						2d Saturday	12		40		
7	Omaha, Grace	1917	4	Miss Gwendolyn Mallory	Mr. Carl Jensen, 1206 So. 27th St.	23	23						2d Saturday					
8	Omaha, Kountz Memorial	1913	1,2,3,4	Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet	Miss Clara Olsen, 1404 So. 17th St.	41	41						2d Saturday	12		31		
9	Omaha, St. Luke's	1910	1,2, 4	Mr. Elmer Larson	Miss Louise Rathsack, 2215 H St.	31	30	1					1st Sunday	10		1		
10	Rising City	1912	2,3,4	Miss Lucile Ritchie	Miss Margaret Baker	6	6							8		30		
	Totals					250	204	4	42						23	248		
	Grand Totals					998	827	68	103	24	40	6			475	706	$60.25	

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET,
1112 So. 11th St.,
Omaha, Neb.

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2	Auburn, South	1916	1,2, 4	Mrs. M. A. Ritzen	Mrs. Fred Schriefer	9	6	1	2	..	..	..	Last Friday	11	8	..	..	..
3	Beatrice	1892	1,2,3,4	Mrs. A. M. Reitzel	Mrs. T. H. Kimmerling	71	16	9	46	12	..	..	2d Friday	12	20	..	..	..
4	Benedict	1916	1,2, 4	Mrs. Mary Buelow	Miss Minnie Blender	15	15	..	..	..	..	..	1st Tuesday	14	15	1	..	..
5	Benson	1915	1,2,3,4	Mrs. C. B. Kornmesser	Mrs. J. M. Lauritzen, 2429 No. 59th St.	16	11	..	5	..	..	..	3d Thursday	12	2	..	14.00	..
6	Bruning	1915	2,3,4	Mrs. Harvey Keim	Mrs. Emma Park	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	3d Thursday	12	8	..	..	..
7	Dakota City	1891	1,2,3,4	Mrs. Geo. Nelbuhr	Mrs. Ada Sherman	10	8	2	..	1	3	..	1st Thursday	14	4	25	..	..
8	Davenport	..	4	..	Miss Lenora Bohner	4	4	..	..	..	5	..	..	..	35	..	..	..
9	Falls City	1917	1,2,3,4	Mrs. Frank Zorn	Mrs. Anna Buthman, 2422 Stone	11	11	..	..	..	..	..	1st Thursday	12	11	36	..	1
10	Hardy	1913	1,2, 4	Mrs. James Hale	Miss Ada Henderson	13	10	..	3	..	..	..	2d Friday	12	8	..	..	..
11	Hooper	1915	1,2,3,4	Mrs. J. Sanders	Mrs. A. E. Hecker	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	1st Thursday	12	6	20	..	..
12	Lincoln	1890	1,2,3,4	Mrs. J. H. Humpe	Mrs. C. Prestegaard, 1944 Harwood Av.	21	19	2	..	..	1	..	1st Wednesday	12	17	60	..	..
13	North Platte	1904	1,2,3,4	Mrs. E. S. Hogg	Mrs. C. B. Harman, 311 W. 5th St.	17	12	..	5	..	..	..	1st Thursday	9	6	6	..	..
14	Oakland	1916	2,3,4	Mrs. Karl J. Granander	Miss Julia Paulsen	16	15	1	..	9	5	..	Last Friday	12	33	..	..	..
15	Omaha, Kountz Memorial	1906	1,2,3,4	Mrs. Allen Koch	Mrs. Geo. Johnson, 3210 Dewey Ave.	72	71	1	..	12	16	4	1st Friday	12	81	..	..	..
16	Omaha, Ludden Memorial	1910	2,3,4	Mrs. Laura B. Snyder	Mrs. Sylvia S. Sarto, 1706 Deer Pk. Blvd.	8	7	1	..	..	1	..	2d Thursday	9	1	50	..	..
17	Omaha, St. Luke's	1913	1,2,3,4	Mrs. R. F. Bowers	Mrs. Lillie Vance, 4813 So. 22nd St. S. S.	16	15	1	..	..	1	..	3d Wednesday	10	20	..	..	..
18	Omaha, St. Mark's	1916	1,2,3,4	Mrs. R. R. Weller	Mrs. J. L. Beisel, 1814 Pinkney St.	31	29	2	..	..	1	..	1st Thursday	12	20	..	..	..
19	Omaha, Ch. of Our Redeemer	1916	2,3,4	Mrs. F. E. Woods	Mrs. R. A. Fry, 3748 No. 40th St.	23	22	1	..	..	..	..	2d Thursday	10	12	20	..	..
20	Ponca	1880	1,2,3,4	Mrs. Ell Campbell	Mrs. W. H. Sears	30	30	..	..	..	1	..	1st Friday	12	14	..	..	..
21	Rising City	1904	1,2,3,4	Mrs. M. L. Melick	Mrs. P. C. Hillegras	37	33	4	..	..	1	..	1st Wednesday	12	25	30	..	..
22	Stella	1912	1, 3,4	Mrs. C. H. Beattie	Miss Maude Montgomery Humboldt	6	6	..	..	..	1	1	2d Thursday	9	5	..	..	1
23	Tekamah	1880	2,3,4	Mrs. M. D. Willert	Mrs. G. E. Hickman, Box 166	11	11	..	..	..	..	..	Saturday	9	5	20	..	..
24	Walton	1916	2,3,4	Mrs. E. Bollman	Mrs. Harry Francke	12	11	1	..	..	..	..	1st Wednesday	7	6	..	..	..
25	Wayne	1915	1,2,3,4	Miss Addie Stambaugh	Mrs. J. H. Fetterolf	17	17	..	..	..	..	..	1st Wednesday	8	9	..	..	..
26	West Point	1904	1,2,3,4	Mrs. A. L. Krause	Mrs. Ella J. De Bell	15	15	..	..	..	1	..	1st Wednesday	16	20	..	..	..
27	Wilber	1916	1,2,3,4	Mrs. E. E. Shimonek	Mrs. E. H. Houser	9	9	..	..	..	..	..	3d Thursday	11	7	..	..	..
28	York	1916	1,2,3,	Mrs. C. E. Sparks	Mrs. Geo. Werner, R. F. D. No. 2	10	9	1	..	..	..	..	3d Thursday	16	15	15	..	..
29	Yutan Synodical	..	..	..	Miss Lydia Bender	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	Totals	..	..	..	..	531	443	27	61	34	38	5	..	..	423	308	$37.25	2

REPORT OF SYNODICAL CORRESPONDING SECRETARY FOR YEAR ENDING SEPT. 31st, 1917—Continued.

Index No.	Place	Organized	Quarters Reported	Presidents	Corresponding Secretaries	Totals, not including Life Members Home Dept.	Active	Honorary	Cradle Roll.	Home Department	Life	Memorial	Time of Meeting	No. of Meetings Held	Luth. Woman's Work	Luth. Boys & Girls	Value Box Work	Mission Study Class	
	YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES.																		
1	Beatrice	1889	2.	Miss Amanda Jensen	Miss Mathilda Kassing	28	20	8					Sunday evening	11					
2	Beatrice C. E.	1912	2,3,4	Mr. Paul E. Mumford	Miss Helen A. Stroh, 909 High St.	22	14	8					Every Sunday night	32					
3	Bruning	1916	1.	Miss Lela Mitchell	Miss Madge Miller	12	12						Once a month	3					
4	Emerson	1915	1,2, 4	Mr. Fred Schopke	Mrs. C. H. Lewis	20	20						Last Sunday	7					
5	North Platte	1911	1,2,3,4	Mrs. Fred Fredrickson	Miss Francis Halligan, 304 W. 2nd St.	11	10	1			1		3d Sunday	12			23.00		
6	Omaha, Grace	1915	1,2,3,4	Miss Wilhelmina Rensch	Miss Mildred Shields, 2519 Poppleton	21	12	9				1	2d Sunday & 4th Sat.	24		150			12
7	Omaha, Kountz Memorial	1912	1,2,3,4	Miss Lillian Over	Miss Maude Watson, 812 So. 25th Ave.	37	31	6					Last Friday	12	5				
8	Omaha, Pax Vobiscum	1907	1,2,3,4	Miss Botilla Andersen	Miss Alma Houser, 3161 Fowler Ave.	27	22	5					Monday every 2 wks.	26	27				
9	Omaha, St. Luke's	1914	1,2,3,4	Miss Josephine Grimm	Miss Ruth Anderson, R. No. 5, Box 108	15	15				1		1st Tuesday	12	5				
10	West Point		2, 4	Miss Viola Spillner	Miss Amy Brazda	24	24						Every Sunday eve.	10	2				
	Totals					217	180	37			2	1		29	150	$23.00			12
	MISSION BANDS.																		
1	Allen	1914	1,2,3,4	Miss Reba Buckley	Miss Leona Brownell	50	8		42				1st Saturday	10	14	36			
2	Bruning	1916	1.	Mrs. W. E. Nippert	Mrs. Erwin Park	10	10						1st Sunday	6					
3	Emerson	1917	2, 4	Miss Esther Bonderson	Mrs. C. H. Lewis	14	14						Last Saturday	9		14			
4	Falls City	1917	2, 4	Mrs. J. A. Matthiesen	Mrs. Anna Buthman	37	34	3					1st Saturday	9	9	36			
5	Lincoln, Grace Jr.	1915	2.	Miss Laura Bjorkman	Miss Esther Petring, 1925 So. 24th St.	15	15						Once a month	6		60			
6	North Platte	1910	1,2,3,4	Miss Vera Bretemitz	Miss Magdalena Rudat	22	22						2d Saturday	12		40			
7	Omaha, Grace	1917	4	Miss Gwendolyn Mallory	Mr. Carl Jensen, 1205 So. 27th St.	23	23						2d Saturday						
8	Omaha, Kountz Memorial	1913	1,2,3,4	Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet	Miss Clara Olsen, 1404 So. 17th St.	41	41						2d Saturday	12		31			
9	Omaha, St. Luke's	1910	1,2, 4	Mr. Elmer Larson	Miss Louise Rathsack, 2215 H St.	31	30	1					1st Sunday	10		1			
10	Rising City	1912	2,3,4	Miss Lucile Ritchie	Miss Margaret Baker	6	6							8		30			
	Totals					250	204	4	42						23	248			
	Grand Totals					998	827	68	103	34	40	6			475	706	160.35		

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET,
1112 So. 11th St.,
Omaha, Neb.

The Treasurer then submitted her report, as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Your Treasurer respectfully submits the following report:

'Tis with gratitude I again bring you the largest financial report the Nebraska Missionary Society has ever had.

The receipts have exceeded those of last year by $449.48.

We have $31.74 in our Syn. Fee Fund to pay our bills.

The Young People's Societies gave $221.76.

Many improperly filled reports were received. Oh! that all our Auxiliary Treasurers would remember that all dues go into the General Fund.

	General Fund.	Synodical Fee Fund.	Thank Offering.	Christmas Offering.	May Memorial.	Life and Memorial Members.	40th Anniversary Chest.					Girls' School in Africa.	Girls' School in India.	Native Workers in India.	Bible Woman Native Helper.	Girls in India.	Diamond Jubilee in India.	Support of Louisa Miller.	Synodical Del. to Gen. Con. Ex.	Field Worker.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	Totals.
							Regular.	Shaffer Memor. Special.	Convention Special.	Krechting Special.	Quadri-Centennial Special.											
Convention Offering.	$.....	$20.94	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$ 20.94
Woman's Societies.																						
Allen	15.60	.....	2.50	.....	2.00	.....	5.60	.....	.....	.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.36	.....	.....	26.31
Beatrice	13.70	.....	9.60	.....	1.20	.....	1.75	.....	.....	.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.80	.....	.....	27.30
Benedict	15.70	.....	13.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.65	.....	.....	29.35
Benson	7.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.40	.....	.....	.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.75
Bruning	9.90	.....	3.00	.....	.....	.....	.50	.....	.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.75
Dakota City (Emanuel.)	8.75	1.00	4.48	1.00	.40	10.00	7.21	.....	.45	.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.27	.....	.....	33.81
Davenport	6.16	1.10	2.50	.....	.....	20.00	2.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.05	.....	32.41
Falls City	5.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.99	.....	.....	14.24
Hardy	3.60	.36	4.27	.....	.....	.....	1.00	.....	.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9.78
Hooper	7.40	.....	6.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.18	.....	.....	14.38
Lincoln	19.00	3.00	17.00	.....	.....	.....	8.00	.....	.....	.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	47.25
North Platte	13.50	.....	11.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1.40	.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.45	.....	.....	26.75
Oakland (Grace.)	11.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.43	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.63
Omaha, Church of Redeemer	13.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	13.55
Omaha, Kountz Memo.	75.50	9.80	80.00	.....	.95	50.00	51.12	.....	.....	.25	.....	.....	30.00	25.15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.65	.....	336.42
Omaha, Ludden Memo.	4.65	1.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8.28
Omaha, St. Lukes	8.00	1.60	.....	.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.85	.25	3.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.50	.....	.....	24.20
Omaha, St. Marks	33.60	.....	6.30	.....	.....	10.00	13.00	.....	1.55	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.93	.....	.....	65.38
Ponca	50.00	.....	13.53	.....	.....	.....	3.00	.....	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.90	1.50	.....	70.43
Rising City	29.00	4.00	67.00	3.00	3.00	.....	22.00	.....	1.60	.25	.....	12.50	12.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.50	.....	165.35
South Auburn	8.50	.....	5.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.35	.....	.....	2.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16.35
Stella	15.30	.60	12.81	1.00	2.35	.....	8.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.30	.30	.....	40.66
Tekamah	8.75	1.00	18.00	.....	.....	.....	5.32	.....	.....	.....	4.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	52.42
Walton	8.50	.....	2.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10.75
Wayne	14.50	.....	4.10	.....	.....	.....	2.00	.....	.45	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.45	.....	.....	21.50
West Point	18.20	1.40	24.78	2.10	1.50	.....	.....	.....	.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	48.78
Wilber	8.80	.70	.....	.....	.....	.....	5.80	.....	.40	.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15.95
York	9.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.30	.....	.....	9.55

	General Fund.	Synodical Fee Fund.	Thank Offering.	Christmas Offering.	May Memorial.	Life and Memorial Members.	40th Anniversary Chest. Regular.	Shaffer Memor. Special.	Convention Special.	Krechting Special.	Quadri-Centennial Special.	Girls' School in Africa.	Girls' School in India.	Native Workers in India.	Bible Woman Native Helper.	Girls in India.	Diamond Jubilee in India.	Support of Louisa Miller.	Synodical Del. to Gen. Con. Ex.	Field Worker.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	Totals.
Home Dept.	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....	$.....
Dakota City, (Emanuel.)							5.00															5.00
North Platte	6.00																					6.00
Omaha, Kountz Memorial	1.70																					1.70
Young People's.																						
Bruning	.95		3.02				.32		.25													4.54
Nebraska City	6.60		4.00	2.00			1.60					5.00										19.20
North Platte			15.00				5.00		1.00													21.00
Emerson									1.00													1.00
Omaha, (Grace.)	2.60						3.75					22.50	22.50		13.50				.39			65.24
Omaha, Kountz Memo. Y. L.'s.	35.00	2.00	7.00	2.00	2.00		4.00											10.00				62.00
Omaha, Kountz Memo. P. V.'s.	5.25	4.50							1.25							25.00			.78			36.78
Omaha, St. Lukes Y. W.	4.00								1.00			5.00										10.00
West Point	2.00																					2.00
Mission Bands.																						
Allen	1.00																					1.00
Bruning	1.00																					1.00
Emerson	5.00																					5.00
Falls City	7.00																					7.00
North Platte	3.00		10.00				1.00															14.00
Omaha, Kountz Memo.	11.74						.15															11.89
Omaha, St. Lukes	8.00		5.00																			13.00
Rising City	2.00		5.00																			7.00
Omaha, Grace	1.15																					1.15
Miscellaneous.																						
Potter Ladies' Guild																						*25.00
Miss Bender	1.50	.28	.50							.25												2.53
Sale of Chest Seals							6.73															6.73
Interest																					.45	.45
Synodical Fee Fund								3.95														
	$558.20	$53.28	$357.29	$11.10	$13.40	$160.00	$202.91	$ 3.95	$15.05	$ 3.00	$ 7.35	$47.50	$65.00	$25.15	$13.50	$25.00	$15.00	$10.00	$ 8.25	$ 6.00	$ .45	$1541.38

DISBURSEMENTS.

		From Synodical Fee Fund.	Silver Anniversary Fund.	From Funds and to Objects for Which Given.	Total.
1916.					
Oct. 20.	Mrs. M. A. Mostert	$ 2.10	$	$	$
Oct. 20.	Mrs. S. H. Yerian	12.62	2.81		
Oct. 20.	Miss Lydia A. Bender	7.05			
Oct. 20.	Mrs. Roby Maxwell	.75			
Oct. 20.	Mrs. M. L. Melick	1.25			
Oct. 20.	Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger	7.75			
Oct. 20.	Mrs. Iva Baltzly	10.00			
Oct. 20.	Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet	.50			
Oct. 20.	Superior Printing Co.	4.75			
Dec. 28.	Miss M. Miller			631.00	
1917.					
Mar. 21.	To 40th Anniversary chest fund, specials	3.95			
Mar. 26.	To Miss M. Miller, Genl. Treas.			312.00	
June 28.	To Miss M. Miller, Genl. Treas.			236.00	
Oct. 1.	To Miss M. Miller, Genl. Treas.			327.00	
		$50.72	$2.81	$1,506.00	$1,559.53

RECAPITUTATION.

	Cash on Hand Oct. 1st, 1916.	Receipts of Year.	Totals.	Disbursements.	Balance.
General Fund	$13.69	$ 558.20	$	$	$
Diamond Jubilee in India		15.00	586.89	586.00	.89
Thank Offering	.78	357.29	357.07	358.00	.07
Christmas Offering	.10	11.10	11.20	11.00	.20
May Memorial Fund	.30	13.40	13.70	13.00	.70
Life Members	10.00	100.00	110.00	110.00	.60
Memorial Members					
E. V. Day School in Africa	.85	47.50	48.35	48.00	.35
Girls' School in India	1.00	68.65			
Native Workers		37.50			
Bible Women		22.50	129.65	129.00	.65
Support of Louise Miller		10.00	10.00	10.00	.00
Field Secretary	.20	6.00	6.20	6.00	.20
40th Anniversary Chest		202.91			
Convention Specials		15.05			
Krechting Specials		3.00	232.26	224.00	8.26
Mrs. Shaffer Specials		3.95			
Miss Morris					
Quadricentennial Specials		7.35			
Synodical Delegates Expenses	6.22	8.25	14.47	11.00	3.47
Silver Anniversary Fund	10.80	.45	11.25	2.81	8.44
Synodical Fee Fund	29.18	53.28	82.46	50.72	31.74
	$73.12	$1,541.38	$1,614.50	$1,559.53	$54.97

Dakota City, Nebr.; Oct. 1st, 1917.
ELIZABETH S. H. NEISWANGER,
Synodical Treasurer.

Dakota City, Nebr., Oct. 8th, 1917.

To the Womans Home and Foreign Missionary Society.

We have carefully examined the books and vouchers of your Treasurer, Mrs. Elizabeth S. H. Neiswanger, and find the figures as set forth in this report to be correct.

Balance on hand Oct. 1st, 1916	$ 73.12
Total receipts from Oct. 1st, 1916, to Oct. 1st, 1917	1,541.38
	$1,614.50
Total disbursements from Oct. 1st, 1916	1,559.53
Balance on hand 1917 Oct 1st	$ 54.97

ELMER H. BIERMANN,
HARRY H. ADAIR, Auditors.
Cashier and Ass't Cashier of Dakota City State Bank.

The Historian was unable to be present, but sent her report, as follows:

HISTORIAN'S REPORT—1917.

Father Time with his usual precision, and faithfulness, has written finis on the last page of this year's collection of State History and let it slip into the past for the benefit of future generations.

Many pages are not as well filled as we would like them, some are poorly done, but as a whole the grand total is encouraging and interesting.

Reports from many societies show an increase in attendance and an interest never before manifested in our Missionary work.

Leaders are coming to the front, and one society, the St. Luke's, of Omaha, reports every member of the Women's and Y. P. Societies able to lead in prayer.

The Efficiency Chart published in our Women's Magazine, some months ago, is a fine standard and its adoption by more of our societies would mean a greater efficiency in our work.

Four new societies have been added to our list this year. At Walton, Sidney, Oakland, in the country, and at Omaha in the Church of the Redeemer.

Three Mission Bands have sprung into life. One at Falls City, at Emerson, and at Hooper.

Life members for this year are as follows:

1. Mrs. S. H. Yerian, Omaha, Neb.
2. Master F. Myron Betcke, Omaha, Neb.
3. Miss Louise Lowe, Dakota City, Neb.
4. Mrs. R. R. Over, Omaha, Neb.
5. Mrs. Pearl Keyser, Omaha, Neb.
6. Dr. Leonard Groh, Omaha, Neb.
7. Mrs. E. J. Spirk, Wilber, Neb.
8. Mrs. L. J. Bouchal, Wilber, Neb.

A Helper's Circle was formed at Potter, Neb.

We have had but one death during the year; a life member. Mrs. Margaret Thompson of Stella, Neb.

The increase in membership is as follows:

Women's Societies, 11.

Young People's, 8.

Mission Bands, 5.

The collection of Literature for the year amounts to the following:

1. Lutheran Woman's Work, 12 copies.
2. All the monthly tracts.
3. The Mission Study text book, "A Short Story of Lutheran Missions."
4. Minutes of the State Convention and program.

5. Minutes and program of the General Society held at Wheeling, West Virginia.

The minutes of 1909-1910-1914 are missing.

Now let us "give every flying minute something to keep in store," so the History of next year may be more complete and show our sincerity and interest in the cause we love.

MRS. M. A. MOSTERT.

The President announced that Mrs. K. de Freese would take charge of the literature table. The Chairman of the Literature Committee, Mrs. J. Mathiesen, was unable to be present, but sent her report, as follows:

REPORT OF LITERATURE COMMITTEE.

Your Chairman of Literature Committee would report that literature has been sent each month to seven societies. Tracts have been sent to societies not subscribing for same, for the purpose of arousing more interest in the work. Thirty-two letters have also been written urging the use of more literature.

The financial statement is as follows:

Receipts.

Convention Sales	$ 7.25
Chest Seals	5.33
Text Books	9.41
Program Calendars	.60
Tracts	3.00
Four Lutheran Woman's Work	2.00
Mission Band Helps	.25
Amount Due Committee	.29
	$28.13

Disbursements.

Convention Sales	$ 7.25
Chest Seals	4.33
To Mrs. Dornblaser for seals	1.10
Text Books	9.41
Program Calendars	.60
Tracts	2.24
Lutheran Woman's Work	2.00
Mission Band Literature	.25
Express on Literature	1.05
	$28.13

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. A. MATTHIESEN.

The report of Box-work Committee was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. M. A. Ritzen:

REPORT OF BOX WORK COMMITTEE.

Your Committee submits the following:

During the past year no requests have come in for Box Work.

After having heard from our President, I notified the Auxiliaries of the fact, and asked for a special Quadri-Centennial offering for the Fortieth Anniversary Fund, as suggested by our President.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. M. A. RITZEN,
Chairman.

The report of the Home Department was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. F. Fredericksen:

HOME DEPARTMENT DEPORT.

The Home Department seed has been scattered and we hear of it springing up and growing in various places. I have been unable to give this work the time and attention I had hopes to give it this year, but it has been held before God in prayer and to Him we look for the fruitage.

The cheery prompt replies from Auxiliary Correspondents are like oases in the desert to toiling secretaries.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. F. FREDRICKSEN.

The Thank Offering Secretary, Mrs. C. Roby Mexwell, was unable to be present, but sent her report, as follows:

REPORT OF THE THANK OFFERING SECRETARY.

I wish that I might begin my report with the statement, "Every Missionary Society in Nebraska Synod had a special Thank Offering meeting last November, and every woman in every society owned and used a Thank Offering box." However, we are nearer that goal today than we were a year ago, and let us hope that another year may achieve it.

We are trying this fall a plan that is in use in the Eastern Synods, and which is recommended by our new General Thank Offering Secretary, Mrs. Himes. Each Auxiliary Society will receive sufficient programs for the Thank Offering meeting in November—so that there will be no excuse for not holding that meeting. Some of the societies do not yet realize that the Thank Offering boxes are free for the postage, and that every

member should have one for her own individual use.

Let me emphasize particularly the need of a Thank Offering Secretary in each Auxiliary Society—this secretary to look after Thank Offering boxes, see that proper reports are sent to the Synodical Thank Offering Secretary, and arrange for a special Thank Offering meeting. In my letters to Auxiliaries I have asked for the appointment of these secretaries, but the response has been very slow.

The new goal for the department you all know, "A Thank Offering box in every home, and a daily offering for daily blessings." Let us get clear away from the idea that seems to persist with some of us, that we should give a definite and stated sum each year as our Thank Offering. Let us rather give from day to day as blessing are showered upon us.

I am pleased to report two new Thank Offering departments inaugurated, one in the Pax Vobiscum of Kountze Memorial Church, Omaha, and one in St. Mark's Lutheran Church. There are others, I am sure, that have not reported.

In pursuit of the work I have written 42 letters, and distributed 25 Thank Offering boxes. The response from some of the societies has been most prompt and cordial—some of the newer societies deserving special commendation. In a number of cases, however, my letters asking for information have met with no response.

I am not presenting any figures in this report. I ask only that each delegate ascertain the amount of Thank Offering given in her society, divide it by the number of members and look at the result.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs. C. Roby) ANNE MAXWELL,
Thank Offering Secretary.

The report of the Annuity Department was presented by the Secretary, Mrs. R. M. Badger:

REPORT OF THE ANNUITY BOND SECRETARY.

During the existence of the Annuity Bond Committee it has been the unfortunate experience of your Synodical Secretary not to have received one bond for the fund. This is due to what? Is it neglect on the part of your Secretary or a forgetfulness on the part of those who are in touch with men and women of their respective congregations who have funds to invest.

An Annuity Bond brings the owner an income semi-annually during his lifetime, and at his death gives to the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society a permanent working fund which will be unto the donor an ever-increasing memorial to his memory for the continued work of the Master. Does it not appeal to you? Let me read you the short report of Mrs. Travers which she gave at our Biennial Convention. (See Convention number of Lutheran Woman's work, page 275).

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. R. M. BADGER,
Secretary.

The report of Mission Band work, sent by Mrs. H. O. Wilson, was read by Mrs. Yerian:

REPORT OF MISSION BAND SECRETARY.

As Mission Band Secretary, I have written letters of encouragement and sent leaflets to all of the different Bands. I have also written to the forty or more congregations urging organization.

We have nine Bands, three of which have been organized during the past year, Emerson, Falls City, and Hooper.

Our total membership at this time is two hundred forty-two.

We have no new Cradle Roll to report, though letters were sent out urging this work also.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. H. O. WILSON.

At the suggestion of the President, because of the time, it was moved that the program be altered and the remaining two committee reports be carried over to the afternoon. Carried.

Two letters were then read, one from the General Executive Committee, through their Secretary, Mrs. Beegle, and one from the Fortieth Anniversary Fund Committee, through Mrs. S. G. Dornblaser, Chairman.

The Sunday School Secretary of the Synod, Rev. C. H. Lewis, was then heard. After announcements, it was moved that we adjourn at the close of the Quiet Hour, which was then conducted by Mrs. E. Ballman, Walton.

Wednesday, 2:00 P. M.

The session opened with the singing of hymn 433, and after the roll call, prayer was offered by Mrs. John Hershey. The minutes were read and approved. On motion by Mrs. S. H. Yerian, the Treasurer's report and the report of the Auditing Committee were adopted.

The report of the Magazine Secretary was as follows:

REPORT OF MAGAZINE SECRETARY.

At the close of the first quarter of our Synodical year, your Secretary wrote an appeal to every society, urging the Magazine Campaign which began April, 1916, and was to continue for one year or until the close of April, 1917. Since December is the month of campaign for nearly all magazines and periodicals, it is a very opportune time for our Missionary Magazine, "Woman's Work," and this should not be neglected or shoved aside for other magazines, but should come first on our list of renewals.

At the close of the campaign year, and while preparing the chart for the Wheeling Convention, we have reported to us a gain of 130 new subscribers. This was not very gratifying results to your Secretary, but when we consider that a number of societies have every member a subscriber, we readily see the gain comes mostly by our new organizations. Hence, get the congregations to organize, and we will get the magazine subscribers.

A year ago we have reported, from all sources throughout the Nebraska Synod, 369 magazine subscribers. This year we come to you with 457 as our total, a gain of 88 subscribers for the Synodical year.

Last Maroh an appeal came from Mrs. Burgess, Magazine Secretary of the Pittsburgh Synod, asking for a contribution from our Synodical to a fifty dollar fund for "Fortieth Anniversary Chest," in honor of our Business Manager, Mrs. Kretcheing. This appeal was very readily responded to by our Auxiliary.

I thank you one and all for your promptness and your efforts I know you put forth for our beloved "Woman's Work."

Respectfull submitted,

LYDIA A. BENDER.

The report of the Quadri-Centennial Committee was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. David Neiswanger, as follows:

THE QUADRI-CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION COMMITTEE.

The Committee appoitned by the Executive Committee after the close of the Omaha Convention, arranged by correspondence, a plan by which our women could celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Reformation. This was presented at the South Platte Conference by Mrs. R. M. Badger and the North Platte Conference by Mrs. D. W. Neiswanger, as follows:

Plan Given at Conferences.

Our Nebraska Missionary Society and its Auxiliaries should take advantage of the great Reformation celebration in order

to particularly acknowledge God's overruling providence, to honor Martin Luther and other Reformers, to bring our own church into its own place in the minds of the people, to acquaint our membership with our church history, to fall in line with other societies and to prepareour selves for greater influence in the church.

How shall we celebrate?

1. Read books bearing on the Reformation, at least one Life of Luther, and two other before the Synodical Convention.
2. Request all pastors to preach a sermon in near future on "Importance of all church members being familiar with church history, especially of Reformation period.
3. Ask Auxiliaries to have an open meeting at which time a review of "Martin of Mansfield" or other books, be given by three ladies.
4. Learn the words of "Ein Feste Burg."
5. Strive to double our membership.
6. Make Sunday School scholars familiar with Luther and his work by the five minutes missionary talks each Sunday or once a month; or have "Martin of Mansfield" or "Schonberg Cotta Family" read in each department.
7. By the wearing of a Luther pin, button or badge. Getting as many others as will to wear it.
8. Have a Reformation Rally at Synodical Convention, the program to be arranged by the Executive Committee.
9. By taking a Quadri-Centennial offering at convention to be a 40th Anniversary Chest special to be known as Nebraska's Memorial to Martin Luther.

Also our Magazine Editor noted the work of the Committee in the Synodical notes of our Lutheran Woman's Work.

We reported also to the Executive Committee in session at Hooper and they agreed that the offering should be taken at convention. It will be given instead of the Box Work Offering and will be received Thursday afternoon after the address on Quadri-Centennial lessons.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. D. M. NEISWANGER.
MRS. R. M. BADGER.

On motion the report was accepted.

The report of the Executive committee was read:

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee held two meetings during the year, the first being on October 20, 1917, in St. Luke's Church, Omaha.

The President appointed the Secretaries and Committees. Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Mrs. R. M. Badger, and Mrs. Allen Koch were appointed a special committee on the Quadri-Centennial of the Reformation.

On motion the following recommendations were made:

First. That the President appoint a referee at the opening of the next annual convention

Second. That at the first business meeting of the convention, a nominating committee shall be elected by informal ballot, each delegate to have the privilege of voting for five persons. The five persons receiving the highest number of votes shall constitute the nominating committee, which shall report at the last session.

Convention claims were allowed.

The second meeting was held at Hooper, April 26.

Encouraging reports were read by the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer, and also from the committee on the Quadri-Centennial.

The program for the next convention was planned.

Respectfull submitted,

MRS. R. B. WELLER.

On motion the report was adopted, including the two recommendations.

The ballot was then taken to elect a Nominating Committee, in accordance with the recommendation of the Executive Committee. The President appointed as tellers the Misses Rensch, Paulsen and Robertson. The ballot resulted in the election of the following Nominating Committee: Mesdames Badger, Fredericksen, Yerian, White and Wood.

On motion by Mrs. Van Fleet, the following visitors were made advisory members of the convention: Mesdames Ludden, Badger, White, Bollman, Lipe, Umland, Augustine and Miss Larsen.

Miss Wunderlich made an announcement at this time concerning the completion of her Nebraska itinerary.

The report of the General Convention was presented by the delegate, Mrs. S. H. Yerian, Omaha. It was in part as follows:

REPORT OF DELEGATE TO GENERAL CONVENTION.

The 20th Biennial Convention of the Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the General Synod opened Saturday afternoon, May 12, 1917, at 2:30 o'clock, in the First

Lutheran Church, Wheeling, W. Va., with the President, Mrs. Iva A. Baltzly, Ph. D., in the chair. A most cordial welcome from the various churches and their people was given by Mrs. E. G. Howard, wife of the pastor of the First Church. An appreciative response by Mrs. J. S. Maloney of Illinois was read by Mrs. D. A. Davy of Chicago.

Throughout the convention most helpful and inspiring devotional services were conducted by Mrs. H. A. Kilts of Cobleskill, N. Y.

The total enrollment was 203; 22 Synodical Delegates; 91 Auxiliary Delegates; 9 Officers; 7 Department Secretaries; 14 Members of Standing Committees; 7 Fraternal Delegates; 2 Rejresentatives of Inner Mission Work; 7 Missionaries and 44 visitors.

Reports from all departments proved to be a splendid record of growth and development, in which our own Synodical Society made a most excellent showing, standing third in increase in membership (our gain being 274 members), third in number of new Young People's Auxiliaries (six). Nebraska also distinguished herself by doubling her offerings every quarter during the second year over the corresponding quarters of the first year, and by making a gain of 700 per cent in the number of Mission Study Classes.

The Corresponding Secretary's report showed the total membership, 45,182, a gain of 2,524 over the preceding biennium, the most notable increase being in the Cradle Roll. The Life and Memorial Members totaled 3,867, an increase of 595. The total number of Home Department members were given as 1,365, with a gain of only 133.

The total offerings amounted to $181,069.87, an increase of $24,533.00; $59,140.16 was received for General Fund, an increase of $6,885.48; $8,110 for Life and Memorial members, an increase of $640; $43,746.46 for Thank Offering, an increase of $6,571.96—the largest in our history. The average was $1.40 per member. Nebraska ranked 14th in increase in Thank Offering. $13,948.89 was received for the Fortieth Anniversary Fund, convention offerings an additional $2,075; yet this brought the grand total only up to about $17,000. This means the raising of fully $23,000 by 1919 if our goal is to be reached.

Fifty-three thousand fifty-four dollars and twenty-six cents was given for work in the homeland, and $79,514.34 for the foreign field (Africa $16,879.50 and India $62,634.84).

Subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work 21,250, Nebraska 423, 130 of which were new. Subscriptions to Lutheran Boys and Girls, 19,500.

Greetings from the General Synod and our various Church Boards and Sister Societies were presented either in person or by letter.

A memorial service was held in memory of our workers who had fallen during the biennium. Many and beautiful were the tributes for Mrs. Kate Boggs-Shaffer.

Mrs. J. G. Traver of Hartwick Seminary, N. Y., was elected

President; Miss Margery Lilly, Mechanicsburg, Pa., Recording Secretary; Miss Mary Hay Morris, Lutherville, Md., Corresponding Secretary; Miss M. Margaret Miller, Kansas City, Kansas, Treasurer; Mrs. E. B. Scholl, Baltimore, Md., Historian.

The Anniversary Convention will be held in the historic city of Canton, Ohio, in 1919.

We rejoice in the adoption of the following recommendations, the first, especially being of vital interest to the Synodical Societies of the Central and Western districts. It provides for the following change in Article 5 of Section 2, of the General Constitution, such change to be acted upon at the 1919 convention. "That ten members of this (the General Executive) committee be located at or near the same place, the remaining three to be representatives of the three districts, Eastern, Central and Western."

"That boxes sent by Missionary Societies to our Inner Mission Institutions be included in Home Box Work."

We recommend that the Nebraska Synodical Society go on record affirming the recommendation concerning the union of at least three of the General Bodies of the Lutheran Church of this country. (p. 286, Minutes of Convention) We also recommend the adoption of the following goals for the Anniversary Biennium: $150,000 for the Regular Work; $40,000 Fortieth Anniversary Fund; 25,000 subscribtions to Lutheran Woman's Work; Lutheran Boys and Girl in every Sunday School; a Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society in every congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. H. YERIAN.

The report of the Mission Study Secretary, Mrs. L. J. Powell, who was unable to be present, was read by the Secretary.

REPORT OF MISSION STUDY SECRETARY.

Your Mission Study Secretary submits the following report:

Mission Study classes reported: Falls City, Oakland, St. Luke's Young People, Stella, Kountze Memorial (2), Davenport.

We wish to urge delegates to make earnest endeavors to organize classes in their respective auxiliaries during the following year and trust the next annual report may include all societies.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. L. J. POWELL,
Mission Study Secretary.

The report of the South Platte Conference, sent by Mrs. M. E. Bollinger, was read:

REPORT OF SOUTH PLATTE CONFERENCE.

The South Platte Conference was held in Walton in May.

Our delegates were greeted early in the morning by Rev. and Mrs. Bollman, going to the parsonage for their breakfast.

At ten o'clock we held a get-together praise and prayer service, after which "Auxiliary Problems" were taken up.

In the absence of the chairman, Mrs. E. Bollman presided at the afternoon meeting.

"Standard of Efficiency" was the keynote of the conference.

Well prepared papers and splendid talks were given, to a very inspiring audience. Our Young People's Secretary, Miss Johnson, made an earnest plea for organization of Young People's work.

Our President, Mrs. C. H. Lewis, was with us and gave a very inspiring talk on "Efficiency."

We shall ever cherish in memory the royal reception and the gracious hospitality of the pastor and wife and our people at Walton.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. M. E. BOLLINGER.

The conference of Auxiliary Delegates was led by Mrs. R. M. Badger, Lincoln, who called on Mrs. Melick to open it with prayer. The hour proved most profitable.

A letter from E. H. Mueller to the Synod was read, explaining the impossibility of his being present as delegate of the Foreign Mission Board, and giving an address at the convention, as he had promised.

Announcement was made of the F. A. F. seals for sale at the literature table. The meeting then adjourned with a Quiet Hour in charge of Mrs. Ritzen.

Thursday Morning.

At the morning hour the convention enjoyed the exalted privilege of joining with the Synod in the celebration of the Lord's Supper.

At 10:30 the session opened with the roll call and the reading and approval of the minutes. On motion the report of Mrs. Yerian, delegate to the General Convention, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Literature and Box-work Reports was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. James Liddell, Omaha. On motion, it was considered item by item. After a slight amendment, the report was adopted as a whole, as follows:

REPORT ON REPORTS OF LITERATURE AND BOX WORK COMMITTEES.

1. Your Committee recommends that the special Quadri-Centennial offering be given to the Fortieth Anniversary Fund as suggested by the President and Box Work Secretary.

2. Since gifts sent to Tabitha may be credited to Home Box Work, we recommend that the cash offering Christmas for 1917 Box Work, be sent to Tabitha Home to be used by them in the purchase of a mangle for Tabitha Home. Also we note that work for Inner Missions supported by General Synod may be credited to Home Box Work. We advise societies to please bear this in mind.

3. We note by the Report of the Literature Committee that tracts have been sent to the societies, not subscribing for same ,for the purpose of arousing more interest in the work. And we commend our Literature Committee for this act, also for the great number of letters written, and plead that more of our Literature be used in the societies. Also that Missionary Milestones by Margaret Seibach, and African Trail be the main study books; and "Soldiers of the Prince" and "Children of the Light House" be used by the "Mission Bands."

4. We recommend that the title, Box Work Committee, be changed to Box Work Secretary, and the title, Literature Committee, be changed to Literature Secretary.

MRS. JAMES LIDDELL,
MRS. HARRY A. FRANCKE.

The report of the Committee on Department Secretaries' Reports, was read by the Chairman, Mrs. Van Fleet, and after consideration item by item, was adopted as a whole.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON DEPARTMENT SECRETARIES.

We have carefully reviewed the reports of the Home Department, Thank Offering, Annuity, Children's, Mission Study and Magazine Secretaries, and feel that they should be commended for their faithful efforts to advance the work in their respective departments of activity.

We find some matters requiring our careful consideration:

1. Thank Offering plans:
   a. The appointing of a Thank Offering secretary in each Auxiliary Society.

b. The adoption of the goal, "A Thank Offering Box in every home, and a daily offering for daily blessings."

c. That we urge every society to use programs as furnished by Thank Offering Secretary at the annual Thank Offering meeting in November.

2. Annuity. We recognize the privilege our church is given in finding investments for their funds which may be made permanent endowments for the Woman's Work and recommend that Auxiliary Secretaries be appointed to give the Annuity Fund special attention.

3. Children's. We recommend that special effort be made this year to organize a Mission Band in every congregation not now having one, and place Lutheran Boys and Girls in every Sunday School.

4. Magazine. In view of the fact that we have only 457 subscriptions reported, we designate October, November and December, this year, as a period in which to make a special campaign for 300 subscriptions to Lutheran Woman's Work.

MRS. E. A. VAN FLEET,
Chairman;
MRS. C. H. PULS,
MISS MARGUERITE CHILDS,
MRS. J. S. ECKLEY.

The report of the Committee on Conference Committees' Reports was read by the Chairman, Mrs. Fredericksen, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONFERENCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

It is a pleasure to note the happy enthusiastic spirit manifested throughout the report of the meeting of the South Platte Conference at Walton.

We recommend that the Standard of Efficiency be made the slogan for our Auxiliaries this coming year.

We regret that there is no report from the North Platte Conference, but we are confident of diligent service rendered by this committee.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. FRED FREDRICKSEN,
MRS. JOHN HERSHEY,
JULIA M. PAULSON.

The report of the Committee on Minutes of Last Convention was read by the Chairman, Mrs. F. Kimmerling, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAST YEAR'S MINUTES.

We, your Committee on "Last Year's Minutes," have examined the minutes as printed in the "Proceedings of the Thirty-sixth Annual Convention of the W. H. & F. M. Society," and find that they are correct.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. F. H. KIMMERLING,
WILHELMINA RENSCH.

The report of the Committee on Claims was read by the Chairman, Mrs. Sparks. On motion it was decided that we allow the claims and leave the time of payment to the discretion of the Executive Committee.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CLAIMS.

The following claims have been placed in the hands of your Committee and we recommend they be allowed as follows:

Miss Lydia A. Bender, postage and stationery	$ 1.50
Mrs. O. H. Wilson, postage	1.60
Mrs. C. R. Maxwell, postage, stationery, supplies	4.95
Mrs. S. H. Yerian, postage, railway fare, ribbon	4.09
Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, salary, postage, receipt postals	13.30
Mrs. C. H. Lewis, printing programs, railway fare, postage	18.99
Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, railway fare, telegram, express	6.25
	$50.68

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. C. E. SPARKS,
MRS. C. C. WALKER,
MRS. E. LARSEN.

An offering was then received, which amounted to $8.25.

On motion the remaining reports were deferred to the afternoon session, and the morning session was extended to 12:30.

"Questions and Answers on Missionary Literature" was conducted by Mrs. Ludden, and proved to be very profitable and interesting. Moved that the telegram of sympathy to our Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. B. Weller, appear on the minutes. Carried.

The session then adjourned with prayer by Rev. Badger.

Thursday, 2:00 P. M.

The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. Melick. The roll call was followed by the reading and approving of the minutes.

The report of the Committee on Officers' Reports was read by the Chairman, Mrs. C. H. Dean, and after consideration item by item, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OFFICERS' REPORTS.

It is with gratitude to God that we rejoice in His assistance in our work, and with appreciation of the consecrated, efficient services of our devoted officers that we submit the following report:

With our President we rejoice in the progress made during the past year, largely due to her loyalty and efficiency. We recommend the adoption of the Anniversary Goals; also the consideration of numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 and 7 of the President's recommendations.

In noting the intelligent report of our faithful Historian we are gratified to learn not only of the increase in membership, but of spiritual growth and the development of leadership. We recommend that correction of the new list of life members be made before the same is printed; also that copies of the minutes of 1909, 1910 and 1914 be procured.

In the comprehensive and carefully detailed report of our Corresponding Secretary we are gratified to learn of the splendid gains both in Auxiliaries and in membership. We suggest correct and prompt reports from Auxiliary Societies.

We rejoice with our Treasurer, over the largest offerings in the history of our organization.

MRS. C. H. DEAN,
MISS GRACE V. LARSON,
MRS. T. P. LUDDEN,
MISS FRANCKE,
Committee.

The recommendation in the report of the delegate to the General Convention, taken from page 286 of the Minutes of the General Convention, was specially called to our attention, and adopted by a rising vote. It is as follows. (See item 8, Report of Resolutions Committee).

The Committee on Resolutions presented their report by the Chairman, Mrs. Wood, and was adopted.

YOUR COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS REPORTS AS FOLLOWS.

1. Resolved, That we rejoice in the good reports coming from all parts of the field, and with hearty thanks to Almighty God for the past, and that we renew our energies for the year to come.

2. That we express our hearty appreciation for the faithfulness and efficiency of our President, Mrs. C. H. Lewis, and the other officers of the Society.

3. That we appreciate the privilege of being able to participate in the Lord's Supper with our Nebraska Synod.

4. That we most heatily appreciate the work of our returned Missionary, Miss Wunderlich, in our various charges of the Nebraska Synod, and the excellent address before the convention on Tuesday evening, and recommend that her services be used as widely as possible among the churches.

5. That we recognize the good and faithful work of our Secretary Pro Tem, Mrs. O. D. Baltzly, in the absence of our Secretary, Mrs. Weller.

6. That we regret the absence of a number of our Executive Committee and Department Secretaries, we extend to them our heartiest greetings.

7. That we ask the Board of Foreign Missions to procure from our India Mission objects and curios to illustrate our work in that field, with booklets of explanation.

8. That as a Society we go on record as ready to fall in line with steps looking towards the ultimate union of such of the General Lutheran Bodies in America as contemplate such federation.

9. That we heartily thank the pastor, his wife and the people of Grand Island, for the excellent way they have entertained us.

We sincerely thank the choir of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and the organists, Mrs. W. A. King and Mrs. Kelso, for their faithfulness; the stenographer, Miss Mary Jensen; the public press, and to Prof. Elmore for his help and the use of his stereopticon lantern.

Respectfully submitted,

MRE. F. E. WOOD,
MRS. WHITE,
MRS. M. A. RITZEN,
MRS. O. A. WICKERT.

The report of the Committee on Letters and Papers was presented by the Chairman, Mrs. Melick, and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LETTERS AND PAPERS.

Your Committee on Letters and Papers submit the following: We have looked over the Letters and Papers submitted to this Committee and find that the matters touched upon have already been included in other reports which have been

considered and adopted, and hence we present nothing further requiring your attention.

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. M. L. MELICK,
MRS. M. SPERR,
MRS. EDITH HARBERT.

Mrs. White was appointed by the President to take up with the Board of Foreign Missions the consideration of Resolution No. 7.

Greetings were then presented as follows:

From the Rocky Mountain Synodical Society, by Mrs. Van Fleet, who visited their convention.

Dr. Peery, President of Midland College.

Rev. Badger, in the interest of Tabitha Home.

Rev. C. Franklin Koch, as delegate from the Nebraska Synod.

Dr. L. Groh, on invitation of the President.

All these greetings were greatly appreciated.

The Nominating Committee then presented their report, the adoption of which elected the following officers:

President, Mrs. C. H. Lewis, Emerson, Nebr.

First Vice President, Mrs. L. P. Ludden, Kearney, Nebr.

Second Vice President, Mrs. E. Bollman, Walton, Nebr.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. R. B. Weller, Omaha, Nebr.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. A. Van Fleet, Omaha, Nebr.

Treasurer, Mrs. D. M. Neiswanger, Dakota City, Nebr.

Historian, Mrs. M. A. Mostert, Beatrice, Nebr.

The presentation of the Efficiency Standard and the recognition of Standard Winners, was conducted by Mrs. Neiswanger and Mrs. Van Fleet. The following exhibit speaks for itself:

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Record of Attainments in the Standard of Efficiency by W.H. & F.M. Society Auxiliaries in the Synod of Nebraska.

Pastorate	Name of Society	No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Allen	Women's	18	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	•	•
	Young People's													
	Children's	20												
Auburn	Women's	9	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Beatrice	Women's	60				o								
	Young People's	40				o								
	Children's	30				o								
Benedict-2nd	Women's	15	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•
	Young People's													
	Children's													
" Bethel	Women's													
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Benson	Women's	16	•	•	•		•						•	•
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Bruning	Women's	8												
	Young People's	18												
	Children's	18												
Bakota City Ponca	Women's	18			•		•		•				•	•
	Young People's													
	Children's													
" Salem	Women's													
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Davenport	Women's	9												
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Emerson	Women's													
	Young People's	30												
	Children's	16		•										
Falls City	Women's	11	•	•	•	•	•		•	•			•	•
	Young People's													
	Children's	27												
Grand Island	Women's													
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Gurley	Women's													
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Hampton	Women's													
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Hardy-1st Miss.	Women's	12												
	Young People's													
	Children's													
" Jewell	Women's													
	Young People's													
	Children's													

Pastorate	Name of Society	No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Homer	Women's													
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Hooper	Women's	8	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	
	Young People's													
	Children's													
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	Children's													
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	Young People's	18												
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	Children's													
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	Young People's	70	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			•	•
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	Young People's	15	•	•	•		•	•	•	•			•	
	Children's	20												
" -Ludden Memorial	Women's	9												
	Young People's													
	Children's													
" -Church of Redeemer	Women's													
	Young People's	25	•	•	•								•	
	Children's													
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	Young People's													
	Children's													
Potter	Women's			•	•	•		•				•	•	
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Rising City	Women's	32	•	•	•		•		•			•	•	•
	Young People's													
	Children's	6												
Sidney	Women's													
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Stamford	Women's													
	Young People's													
	Children's													
" Edgemont	Women's													
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Stella	Women's	7	•	•	•	•		•				•	•	•
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Sutherland	Women's													
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Tekamah	Women's	11	•	•			•	•	•			•	•	•
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Walton	Women's	18	•	•	•		•		•			•	•	
	Young People's													
	Children's													
Wayne	Women's	12		•	•			•				•	•	
	Young People's													
	Children's													
West Point	Women's	16	•	•	•	•	•					•	•	•
	Young People's	20												
	Children's													
Wilber	Women's	9	•	•	•		•		•			•		
	Young People's													
	Children's													
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